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SUBJECT: CSCE CONSULTATIONS WITH SAN MARINO

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1. SAN MARINO FOREIGN MINISTER GHIRONZI AND I MET AT MY REOUEST IN SAN MARINO FRIDAY, MAY 20. OUR DISCUSSION OPENED BY MY REQUESTING SAN MARINO VIEWS ON CSCE AND BELGRADE MEETING. GHIRONZI STATED THAT PRINCIPAL INTEREST OF SAN MARINO IN HELSINKI AND BELGRADE MEETINGS WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF OTHER VERY SMALL COUNTRIES, I.E. THIS GAVE THEM A NEW INTER-NATIONAL FORUM WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON MANY MATTERS. IN ADDITION CSCE MEEEEETINGS PROVIDED A CERTAIN QUOTE CONTINUING PRESENCE UNQUOTE FOR THEM IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. REGARDING BELGRADE MEETING, HE SAID THAT IT WAS THE VIEW OF SAN MARINO THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE QUOTE POSITIVE ADVANCES UNQUOTE MADE SINCE HELSINKI AND THAT, IF POSSIBLE, PARTI-CIPANTS SHOULD AVOID ACCUSATIONS AND BICKERING OVER QUOTE IMPLEMENTATIONS NOT YET COMPLETED UNQUOTE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THIS SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PRECLUDE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND QUOTE IMPLEMENTATION GAP UNQUOTE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. CONFIDENTIAL

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GHIRONZI ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS THE VIEW OF SAN MARINO THAT BELGRADE MEETING BASICALLY A TECHNICAL AND PREPARATORY MEETING FOR MAIN MEETING WHICH HE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER.

2. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION, I REVIEWED SUBSTANCE PARAS EA READ 3A THROUGH 3G (REFTEL C) WITH GHIRONZI AND

I PERCEIVED NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN US ON ANY OF THESE MATTERS. I ALSO GAVE HIM SUBSTANCE CONTENTS PARA 5 (REFTEL C) AND ANSWERED A FEW OF HIS QUESTIONS CONCERNING DETAILS OPERATION CSCE COMMISSION. I ALSO REVIEWED WITH HIM CONTENTS PARAS 2 AND 4 (REFTEL C) AND STRESSED FACT THAT WE BELIEVE MORE PROGRESS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION NEEDED TO BE MADE PRIOR TO BELGRADE MEETING, EVEN THOUGH SITUATION BETTER THAN IN THE PAST DUE TO SECRETARY'S EFFORTS IN MOSCOW.

- 3. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OUR REVIEW THESE MATTERS, GHIRONZI ASKED ONLY QUESTION OF NOTE. HE WONDERED WHETHER PROMINENT USG EFFORTS AND PUBLICITY IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE PUSHED AT SAME LEVEL OF INTENSITY AT BELGRADE AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE RECENT PAST. I REPLIED MERELY THAT AS EVERYONE KNEW, PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HELD VERY STRONG VIEWS IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD BUT HAD NO DESIRE TO DISRUPT BELGRADE CONFERENCE OR ANY OTHER CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THIS.
- 4. IN ADDITION TO CONSULTATIONS WITH GDR, HUNGARY AND ITALY REPORTED FLORENCE 269, SAN MARINO HAS ALSO RECENTLY CONSULTED WITH VATICAN AND SWITZERLAND. GHIRONZI MENTIONED PARTICULARLY THAT SAN MARINO VIEWS AND THOSE OF THE VATICAN WERE PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL REGARDING CSCE AND BELGRADE MEETING. HE SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD RECENTLY APPROACHED HIM FOR APPOINTMENT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CSCE AND BELGRADE MEETING AND THAT HAD REFUSED GIVE INTERVIEW SINCE HE BELIEVED CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT ON THIS MATTER. HE ADDED THAT CURRENT POLITICAL TURMOIL IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS ANOTHER REASON TO AVOID TALKING TO THE CZECHS AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT.

5. GHIRONZI SAID SAN MARINO WILL BE REPRESENTED AT
BELGRADE BY MISS ANTONIETTA BONELLI, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN
OFFICE. MISS BONELLI IS A RESPECTED SAN MARINO LAWYER
AND HAS BEEN NO. 1 CIVIL SERVANT IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE
FOR MANY YEARS. SHE IS WELL VERSED IN CSCE MATTERS AND
REPRESENTED SAN MARINO IN ALL CSCE CONSULTATIONS SINCE
HELSINKI MEETING. SHE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. IF IT IS
FEASIBLE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I RECOMMEND THAT SOMEONE IN
OUR BELGRADE DELEGATION SEEK HER OUT AND DISCUSS OUR VIEWS
WITH HER AS SHE WILL BE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SAN MARINO
CSCE WORK FOR SOME TIME TO COME.
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